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PUBLIC NOTICES

Released: August 10, 1998. EX PARTE PRESENTATIONS AND POST-REPLY COMMENT PERIOD FILINGS IN PERMIT-BUT-DISCLOSE PROCEEDINGS. Contact: Barbara Lowe, Office of the Secretary at (202) 418-0310.

Released: August 10, 1998. TARIFF TRANSMITTAL PUBLIC REFERENCE LOG - AUGUST 7. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Public_Notices/Tariffs/combined/tt080798.pdf

Report No: I-8326. Released: August 10, 1998. FOREIGN CARRIER AFFILIATION NOTIFICATION. Contact: Joanna Lowry, Telecommunication Division at (202) 418-1470.

Report No: 44301. Released: August 10, 1998. BROADCAST ACTIONS. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/Brdcst_Actions/ac980810.txt

Report No: 24301. Released: August 10, 1998. BROADCAST APPLICATIONS. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/Brdcst_Applications/ap980810.txt

Released: August 10, 1998. ADDITIONAL APPLICATION PROCESSING GUIDELINES FOR DIGITAL TELEVISION (DTV). Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/TV_Notices/pnmm8116.pdf

Report No: LB 98-58. Released: August 10, 1998. WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU COMMERCIAL WIRELESS DIVISION - PUERTO RICO TELEPHONE COMPANY AND GTE HOLDINGS LLC SEEK FCC CONSENT FOR TRANSFER OF CONTROL - PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED. The Puerto Rico Telephone Company and GTE Holdings (Puerto Rico) LLC have filed applications under section 310(d) of the Communications Act requesting Commission approval of the transfer of control to GTE Holdings of licenses and authorizations controlled or requested by PRTC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Puerto Rico Telephone Authority (PRTA). The commission is seeking comments on these applications for transfer of control. comments due September 17; replies September 30. (DA No. 98-1578). Contact: Jonathan Radin or Elizabeth Williams, Commercial Wireless Division (Parts 22 and 24) at (202) 418-7240; Steve Buenzow, Private Wireless Division (Parts 90 and 101) at (717) 338 2657; Jeanette Spriggs, International Bureau (Part 25) at (202) 418-1468. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public_Notices/1998/da981578.wp

TEXTS

COX CABLE RHODE ISLAND, INC. Granted in part complaints filed against Cox Cable Rhode Island, Inc.'s programming services tier rates in Cranston, Johnson, Scituate, Glocester and Burrillville, R.I. Action by Deputy

Bureau Chief. Adopted: August 7, 1998. by Order. (DA No. 98-1583). CSB Internet URL:
<https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1998/da981583.wp>

WMEI(TV). Dismissed must-carry complaint filed by Hector Negroni Cartagena, Licensee of Television Station WMEI, San Jan, Puerto Rico, against Cable TV of Greater San Juan, operator of a cable television system serving San Juan, Puerto Rico. Action by Chief, Consumer Protection and Competition Division. Adopted: August 7, 1998. by MO&O. (DA No. 98-1584). CSB Internet URL:
<https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1998/da981584.wp>

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CABLE TELEVISION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMPETITION ACT OF 1991: PETITION FOR RULEMAKING OF AMERITECH NEW MEDIA, INC. Issued a Report and Order amending certain of the Commission's program access rules. Dkt No.: CS- 97-248. Action by the Commission. Adopted: August 6, 1998. by R&O. (FCC No. 98-189). CSB Internet URL:
<https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1998/fcc98189.wp>

CITICASTERS CO., LICENSEE, WXTB(FM), CLEARWATER, FL. Issued Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture for \$4000 against Citicasters Co, licensee of WXTB(FM), Clearwater, FL, pursuant to Section 503(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, for allegedly broadcasting allegedly indecent material on June 12 and 20, 1997. Action by Bureau Chief. by Letter/NAL. (DA No. 98-1575). MMB Internet URL:
https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Notices/1998/da981575.wp

FLEET BROADCASTING INC., LICENSEE OF STATION WFNL (FM), STURGEON BAY, WI AND ZEPHYR BROADCASTING, INC., LICENSEE OF STATION WZNL (FM), NORWAY, MI. Ordered Fleet Broadcasting, Inc., licensee of Station WFNL (FM), Sturgeon Bay, WI, and Zephyr Broadcasting, Inc., licensee of Station WZNL (FM), Norway, MI to each forfeit \$3,000 for repeated violations of Section 73.1942 of the Commission's Rules regarding the requirement that a licensee charge candidates no more than the lowest unit charge of the station and maintain a political file. Action by Bureau Chief. Adopted: August 6, 1998. by MO&O/Forf. Ord. (DA No. 98-1572). MMB Internet URL:
https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Orders/1998/da981572.wp

AMENDMENT OF PARTS 13 AND 80 OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES TO IMPLEMENT THE GLOBAL MARITIME DISTRESS AND SAFETY SYSTEM TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA. Denied the American Radio Association's Petition for Partial Reconsideration of the Commission's Report in Order re: the Amendment of Parts 13 and 80 of the FCC's Rules, which added the technical and operational requirements of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System to Part 80 of the Commission's Rules. Dkt No.: PR- 90-480. Action by the Commission. Adopted: July 28, 1998. by MO&O. (FCC No. 97-180). OET Internet URL:
https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Engineering_Technology/Orders/1998/fcc98180.wp

1998 BIENNIAL REGULATORY REVIEW - AMENDMENT OF PART 97 OF THE COMMISSION'S AMATEUR SERVICE RULES. Initiated a proceeding to examine FCC rules for the Amateur Radio Service in an effort to eliminate unnecessary and duplicative rules, as well as to streamline licensing processes. Comments due December 1, replies due January 15, 1999. Dkt No.: WT- 98-143. Action by the Commission. Adopted: July 29, 1998. by NPRM. (FCC No. 98-183). WTB Internet URL:
<https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Notices/1998/fcc98183.wp>

ADDENDA: The following items, released August 7, 1998, did not appear in Digest No. 152:

NEWS RELEASES

INTERNATIONAL ACTION - INTERNATIONAL BUREAU AUTHORIZES TELMEX/SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS, L.L.C. TO COMMENCE INTERNATIONAL SWITCHED RESALE SERVICES -

REPORT NO. IN 98-46. The International Bureau authorized Telmex/Sprint Communications L.L.C. (TSC) to commence international switched resale services from the United States to all points, including Mexico, based upon the Bureau's Determination that the conditions set out in TSC's license had been fulfilled. Action by the Chief, International Bureau, August 7, 1998, by Order (DA 98-1585) and Order on Reconsideration (DA 98-1586). News Media Contact: Rosemary Kimball (202) 418-0500. IB Contact: Peter Pappas at (202) 418-0746 and Robert Calaff at (202) 418-0431. Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/News_Releases/1998/nrin8028.html

MASS MEDIA ACTION - FCC ADOPTS AUCTION PROCEDURES FOR COMMERCIAL BROADCAST LICENSES - REPORT NO. MM 98-11. The FCC has adopted rules to implement its authority to auction commercial analog broadcast licenses. Action by the Commission August 6, 1998, by Decision (FCC 98-194). News Media Contact: David Fiske (202) 418-0500. MMB Contact: MMB Contacts: Jerianne Timmerman at (202) 418-1600 and Lisa Scanlan at (202) 418-2720; OGC Contacts: John Riffer and Lee Martin at (202) 418-1720. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/News_Releases/1998/nrmm8025.html

PUBLIC NOTICES

Released: August 7, 1998. COMMON CARRIER BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON MODEL PLATFORM DEVELOPMENT - CC DOCKET NOS. 96-45, 97-160. In the Universal Service Order, the Commission stated that it would select a federal mechanism to calculate the forward-looking economic cost of non-rural carriers serving rural insular, and high cost areas. The Commission determined that it would select the "platform" (fixed assumptions and algorithms) of the mechanism in one state, and that it would select other parts of the mechanism, including all input values, in a second stage. The Commission is seeking comment on model platform development. Comments due August 28; replies due September 11. (DA No. 98-1587). Contact: Chuck Keller or Jeff Prisbrey (202) 418-7400. Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Public_Notices/1998/da981587.pdf

Released: August 7, 1998. PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENTS ON PETITION FOR WAIVER OF CUSTOMER PROPRIETARY NETWORK INFORMATION RULES - CC DOCKET NO. 96-115. On July 20, 1998, the Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control filed a petition seeking a waiver of the Customer Proprietary Network Information requirements contained in 47 C.F.R. section 64.2007(2)iii and v, which prohibit the transfer of CPNI without affirmative customer consent. Comments due August 24; replies September 1. (DA No. 98-1582). Contact: Janice Myles, Policy and Program Planning at (202) 418-1577.

Report No: 337. Released: August 7, 1998. MASS MEDIA BUREAU CALL SIGN ACTIONS. Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/Call_Sign_Changes/pnmm8114.wp

Report No: LB-98-59. Released: August 7, 1998. WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU COMMERCIAL WIRELESS SERVICE INFORMATION. Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public_Notices/1998/pnwl8092.wp

Report No: 33. Released: August 7, 1998. WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ASSIGNMENT OF AUTHORIZATION AND TRANSFER OF CONTROL APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING.

TEXTS

FEDERAL-STATE JOINT BOARD ON UNIVERSAL SERVICE. Clarified the application of the Commission's "lowest corresponding price" requirement set forth in the Universal Service Order. Clarified that this requirement

was not intended to preempt state law, and does not obligate carriers to offer rates that would violate state laws. Dkt No.: CC- 96-45. Action by Acting Bureau Chief. Adopted: August 7, 1998. by Order. (DA No. 98-1581). CCB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/1998/da981581.wp

****DEPLOYMENT OF WIRELINE SERVICES OFFERING ADVANCED TELECOMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITY.** Dockets: CC 98-147, CC 98-11, CC 98-26, CC 98-32, CC 98-78, CC 98-91. Took steps to implement Congress' framework with respect to encouraging the rapid deployment of new telecommunications technologies - advanced services. Comments due September 21; replies October 13. Action by the Commission. Adopted: August 6, 1998. by MO&O NPRM. (FCC No. 98-188). CCB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/1998/fcc98188.pdf

FEDERAL-STATE JOINT BOARD ON UNIVERSAL SERVICE - FORWARD-LOOKING MECHANISM FOR HIGH SUPPORT FOR NON-RURAL LECS. Requested certain revenue information from non-rural local exchange carriers and holding companies. Responses due October 6. Dkt No.: CC- 96-45, CC- 97-160. Action by Deputy Bureau Chief. Adopted: August 7, 1998. by Order. (DA No. 98-1576). CCB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/1998/da981576.pdf

AD HOC TELECOMMUNICATIONS USERS COMMITTEE, CALIFORNIA BANKERS CLEARING HOUSE ASSOCIATION, NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE ASSOCIATION, MASTERCARD INTERNATIONAL INCORPORATED, AND VISA, U.S.A., INC. Dismissed in part and denied in part Ad Hoc Telecommunications Users Committee, California Bankers Clearing House Association, New York Clearing House Association, MasterCard International Incorporation, and VISA, U.S.A., Inc's application for review of an order of the Common Carrier Bureau granting Ameritech a waiver of Part 69 of the Commission's rules to establish unbundled rate elements for its Signalling System 7 services. Action by the Commission. Adopted: July 28, 1998. by MO&O. (FCC No. 98-178). CCB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/1998/fcc98178.wp

****INQUIRY CONCERNING THE DEPLOYMENT OF ADVANCED TELECOMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITY TO ALL AMERICANS IN REASONABLE AND TIMELY FASHION, AND POSSIBLE STEPS TO ACCELERATE SUCH DEPLOYMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 706 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996.** Initiated two proceedings intended to create marketplace conditions conducive to the nationwide deployment of advanced telecommunications services, such as high-speed Internet access and video telephony, by all providers. Dkt No.: CC- 98-146. Action by the Commission. Adopted: August 6, 1998. by Notice of Inquiry. (FCC No. 98-187). CCB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Notices/1998/fcc98187.pdf

TELMEX/SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS, L.L.C. Found that Telmex/Sprint Communications, L.L.C. ("TSC") has demonstrated that it has satisfied the conditions set forth in the October 30, 1997 TSC Order as conditions precedent to the effectiveness of TSC's Section 214 authorization. Accordingly, authorized TSC to commence service consistent with the terms and conditions set forth in its authorization. Action by Bureau Chief. Adopted: August 7, 1998. by Order. (DA No. 98-1585). IB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Orders/1998/da981585.wp>

SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, L.P. Rejected Sprint Communications Company, L.P.'s request for modification, pursuant to the Commission's International Settlements Policy, for a change in the settlement rate for Sprint's Paid 800 service between Sprint and Telmex. Action by Bureau Chief. Adopted: August 7, 1998. by Order on Recon. (DA No. 98-1586). IB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Orders/1998/da981586.wp>

BUXTON, NC. Proposed amending FM Table to allot Channel 260A to Buxton, NC as the community's first local aural service. Comments due September 28; replies October 13. Dkt No.: MM- 98-144. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: July 29, 1998. by NPRM. (DA No. 98-1517). MMB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Notices/1998/da981517.wp

"BUXTON, NC . Proposed amending FM Table to allot Channel 268A to Buxton, NC, as the community's first local aural service. Comments due September 28; replies October 13. Dkt No.: MM- 98-145. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: July 29, 1998. by NPRM. (DA No. 98-1518). MMB Internet URL: " https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Notices/1998/da981518.wp

OLD FORGE AND NEWPORT VILLAGE, NY. Effective September 21, 1998, amended Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules, the Table of FM Allotments, to: reallocate Channel 259A from Old Forge, NY to Newport Village, NY, as the community's first local aural service and modify the construction permit accordingly; allot Channel 223A to Old Forge, NY. Terminated proceeding. Dkt No.: MM- 97-179. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: June 29, 1998. by R&O. (DA No. 98-1516). MMB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Orders/1998/da981516.wp